

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: July 21, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2014

Subject: Release the draft version of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment and set public hearing date

District(s), Member(s): ALL

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. 473.145

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Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Policy and Research

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Release the draft version of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment;
- Conduct a public hearing on September 15, 2014 regarding the draft version of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment;
- Keep the hearing record open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2014; and
- Direct staff to publish public hearing notices and distribute copies of the draft *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment under the Council's administrative procedure for public hearings.

Background

The Metropolitan Council has been developing the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* since early 2013 and convened a Housing Policy Plan Work Group starting in summer 2013. The *2040 Housing Policy Plan* is building off of the rich outreach, engagement, and policy discussion underlying *Thrive MSP 2040*.

Rationale

The public comment period and public hearings will offer partners, stakeholders and the public the opportunity to formally comment on the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*.

Funding

The development of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* has been a part of the Metropolitan Council Community Development Committee workplan.

Known Support / Opposition

The Council's Housing Policy Plan Work Group has convened a variety of housing stakeholders to advise the Council on the development of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*. Some would prefer that Council policy reflect a more active role by and for the Council in the region's housing policy; others do not want Council policy to reflect an active role by the Council in housing.

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing for the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*

The Metropolitan Council has released the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*, the housing chapter of the comprehensive development guide for the Twin Cities metropolitan area, for public comment.

The public is encouraged to view the plan and provide public comment, through **Friday, September 26**, as follows (comments must be received by **5 p.m.**):

- Written comments: Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, 55101
- Send TTY comments to: 651-291-0904
- Email: public.info@metc.state.mn.us
- Record comments on Council's Public Comment Line at 651-602-1500
- Submit comments through the Council's online Your Ideas site, at <http://yourideas.metrocouncil.org/>.

The Metropolitan Council will hold one public hearing on the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*:

- **Monday, September 15, 5 p.m.**
Metropolitan Council Chambers
390 Robert Street North, St. Paul
Served by many regional transit routes

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and offer comments. Those attending may register in advance to speak by calling the Council at 651-602-1500. Upon request, the Metropolitan Council will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. Advance notice, indicating the specific accommodation needed, is appreciated.

Staff will review public comment and evaluate changes to the proposed policies to address the comments submitted by the public. A recommendation for final adoption of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* will be considered by the Metropolitan Council in November.